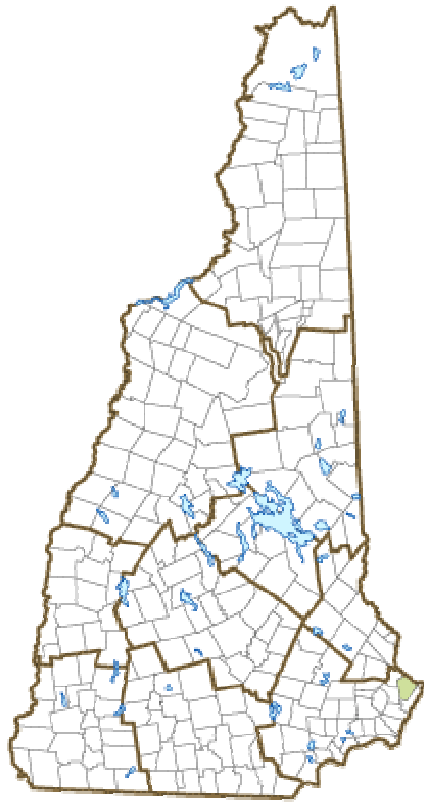


# Somersworth, NH



## Community Contact

**Somersworth Dept of Development Services**  
**Dave Sharples, Director Plan & Community Dev**  
**One Government Way**  
**Somersworth, NH 03878**

Telephone  
Fax  
E-mail  
Web Site

**(603) 692-9517**  
**(603) 692-9575**  
**dsharples@somersworth.com**  
**www.somersworth.com**

## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm,**  
**Wednesday, 8 am - 6 pm**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Strafford**  
**Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA**  
**Seacoast**  
**Strafford Regional**  
**Southeast Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 1 (All Wards)**  
**District 2 (All Wards)**  
**District 4 (All Wards)**  
**Strafford County Districts 18, 21 (Wards 1, 3, 4, & 5) 17, 21 (Ward 2)**

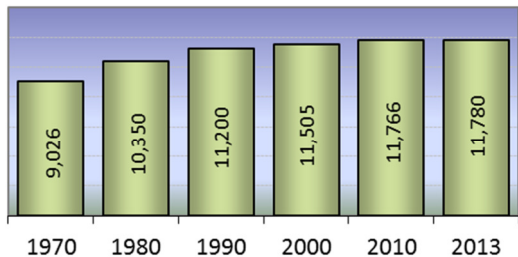
## Incorporated: 1754

**Origin:** This territory was first settled about 1650 when it was part of Dover. It was made a separate parish in 1729, called Summersworth. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a separate township. The town was incorporated as Somersworth in 1754. In 1849, the town was divided nearly in half when the southern portion was incorporated as Rollinsford. Somersworth was incorporated as a city in 1893. Situated on the Salmon River, Somersworth has been home to many gristmills, sawmills, and cotton and woolen making establishments.

## Villages and Place Names: unknown

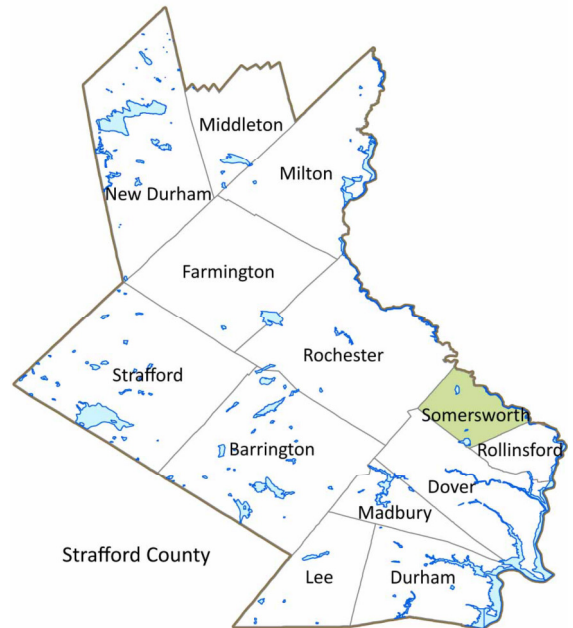
## Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 943 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Somersworth totaled 3,251 over 53 years, from 8,529 in 1960 to 11,780 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 15 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, a two percent increase between 2000 and 2010.



The 2013 Census estimate for Somersworth was 11,780 residents, which ranked 25th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau):** 1,200.8 persons per square mile of land area, the fourth highest among the cities and towns. Somersworth contains 9.8 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		City Manager & Council	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$11,611,831	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014		\$25,557,232	
Zoning Ordinance		1953/13	
Master Plan		2010	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	City Council		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; HDC		
Public Library	Somersworth Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Private	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover		4 miles	124
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester		6 miles	82
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil	
Water Supplier		Municipal	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal		Private	
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$30.47	
2013 Equalization Ratio		101.6	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$30.66	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		74.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		24.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		4,811	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,302	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		1,220	
Five or More Units in Structure		814	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		475	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	<b>11,780</b>	<b>124,319</b>
2010	<b>11,766</b>	<b>123,143</b>
2000	<b>11,505</b>	<b>112,676</b>
1990	<b>11,200</b>	<b>104,348</b>
1980	<b>10,350</b>	<b>85,408</b>
1970	<b>9,026</b>	<b>70,431</b>
<b>Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013</b>		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>5,756</b>	Female <b>6,024</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>907</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>1,895</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>3,191</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>3,225</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>1,299</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>1,263</b>
Median Age		<b>34.3 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		<b>91.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher		<b>23.3%</b>
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		<b>\$24,127</b>
Median family income		<b>\$64,949</b>
Median household income		<b>\$53,223</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$48,914</b>
Female		<b>\$35,823</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>14.8%</b>
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	<b>6,315</b>	<b>6,377</b>
Employed	<b>6,013</b>	<b>6,032</b>
Unemployed	<b>302</b>	<b>345</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,156</b>	<b>1,248</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 790</b>	<b>\$1,033</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>3,056</b>	<b>3,888</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 581</b>	<b>\$ 736</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>4,212</b>	<b>5,137</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 638</b>	<b>\$ 808</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>506</b>	<b>533</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 599</b>	<b>\$ 747</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>4,718</b>	<b>5,669</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 634</b>	<b>\$ 802</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**Schools students attend: **Somersworth operates grades K-12**District: **SAU 56**Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; Creteau Regional Technology Center, Rochester;  
Somersworth Career Technical Center**Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>780</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>323</b>

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **8** Total Capacity: **420**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
General Electric Co.	Manufacturing, meter control division	400	
Contitech	Manufacture of high performance silicone rubber hose	400	
Wal-Mart	Retail store	380	
Somersworth School Department	Education	291	
Market Basket	Supermarket	270	
The Works Athletic Club	Physical fitness, wellness center	240	
General Linen	Laundry facility	200	
Velcro	Hook & loop products	180	
J Pac	Medical contract packaging	120	
City of Somersworth	Municipal services	115	

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes  
State Routes **16A, 16B, 108, 236**  
Nearest Interstate, Exit **Spaulding Tpk., Exit 9; I-95, Exit 5**  
Distance **4 miles; 17 miles**

Railroad **Boston & Maine**  
Public Transportation **COAST**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
**Skyhaven, Rochester** Runway **4,001 ft. asphalt**  
Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
**Portland (ME) International** Distance **46 miles**  
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **13**

Driving distance to select cities:  
Manchester, NH **47 miles**  
Portland, Maine **49 miles**  
Boston, Mass. **70 miles**  
New York City, NY **284 miles**  
Montreal, Quebec **278 miles**

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van **89.4%**  
Carpooled, car/truck/van **5.0%**  
Public transportation **0.0%**  
Walked **2.1%**  
Other means **0.5%**  
Worked at home **3.0%**  
Mean Travel Time to Work **38.9 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013**

Working in community of residence **15.2**  
Commuting to another NH community **74.6**  
Commuting out-of-state **10.2**

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

**X** Municipal Parks  
YMCA/YWCA  
Boys Club/Girls Club  
**X** Golf Courses  
Swimming: Indoor Facility  
Swimming: Outdoor Facility  
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility  
**X** Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility  
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility  
Bowling Facilities  
**X** Museums  
Cinemas  
Performing Arts Facilities  
Tourist Attractions  
**X** Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)  
**X** Youth Sports: Baseball  
**X** Youth Sports: Soccer  
**X** Youth Sports: Football  
**X** Youth Sports: Basketball  
**X** Youth Sports: Hockey  
Campgrounds  
Fishing/Hunting  
Boating/Marinas  
Snowmobile Trails  
**X** Bicycle Trails  
**X** Cross Country Skiing  
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Pumpkin Festival; Childrens Festival; Walking Trails;  
Baseball/Softball Fields; Basketball Courts; Childrens  
Playground**